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The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999

PART I

GENERAL

Prohibition on granting planning permission without consideration of environmental information

3.—(1) This regulation applies—

- (a) to every EIA application received by the authority with whom it is lodged on or after the commencement of these Regulations; and
- (b) to every EIA application lodged by an authority pursuant to regulation 3 or 4 (applications for planning permission) of the General Regulations on or after that date;

and for the purposes of this paragraph, the date of receipt of an application by an authority shall be determined in accordance with paragraph (3) of article 20 (time periods for decision) of the Order.

(2) The relevant planning authority or the Secretary of State or an inspector shall not grant planning permission pursuant to an application to which this regulation applies unless they have first taken the environmental information into consideration, and they shall state in their decision that they have done so.